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The Security Council,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on Haiti, in particular its resolutions 1658 (2006), 1608 (2005), 1576 (2004) and 1542 (2004), as well as relevant statements by its President,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and unity of Haiti,

Welcoming the successful and peaceful political transition to an elected government, as well as the election of a new President and Parliament, which will give Haiti a unique opportunity to break with the violence and political instability of the past,

Welcoming the political agenda of the Government of Haiti on the modernization of state institutions and on wealth creation and the adoption, by the Haitian authorities, of the "Programme d'Apaisement Social" to respond to Haiti's immediate social needs,

Emphasizing that security, rule of law and institutional reform, national reconciliation, and sustainable economic and social development remain key to the stability of Haiti,

Recognizing that MINUSTAH constitutes a key actor in the continuing stabilization of the country and *expressing* its appreciation for its efforts to continue to assist the Government of Haiti to ensure a secure and stable environment,

Reaffirming the importance of appropriate expertise on issues relating to gender in peacekeeping operations and post-conflict peace-building in accordance with resolution 1325 (2000), *recalling* the need to address violence against women and children, and *encouraging* the MINUSTAH as well as the Government of Haiti to actively address these issues,

Condemning all violations of human rights in Haiti, *calling on* all Haitians to renounce violence, and recognizing, in this context, that rule of law and respect for human rights are vital components of democratic societies,

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Urging the Government of Haiti to undertake, in coordination with the international community, a comprehensive reform of the police, judiciary and correctional systems, to protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to end impunity,

Welcoming the Government of Haiti's final approval of its Haitian National Police (HNP) reform plan, and calling upon it to implement that plan as soon as possible,

Recognizing that conditions for conventional disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration do not currently exist in Haiti and that alternative programmes are required to address local conditions, and to further the goal of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration,

Underlining the need for the quick implementation of highly effective and visible labour intensive projects that help to create jobs and deliver basic social services, and *emphasizing* the importance of quick impact projects in the post-electoral phase,

Welcoming the outcomes of the Ministerial Donor Meeting on Haiti, held in Brasilia, on 23 May, as well as those of the International Conference of Donors for the Social and Economic Development of Haiti, held in Port-au-Prince, on 25 July,

Expressing its support for the extension of the Interim Cooperation Framework (ICF) until September 2007, and *urging* the Government of Haiti to continue to make progress in its implementation in close cooperation with all relevant international stakeholders,

Welcoming the re-admittance of Haiti to the Councils of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and *calling on* MINUSTAH to continue to work closely with the Organization of the American States (OAS) and CARICOM;

Welcoming also the appointment of a new Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Haiti with overall authority on the ground for the coordination and conduct of all the activities of the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes in Haiti,

Paying tribute to the continued support of the international community, particularly the Core Group, interested stakeholders, donors and regional organizations, for Haiti and MINUSTAH, which remains essential to the achievement of stability and development,

Expressing gratitude to the troops and police personnel of MINUSTAH and to their countries,

Noting that the Haitian people and their government hold the ultimate responsibility for achieving political stability, social and economic development, and law and order,

Determining that the situation in Haiti continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, as described in section 1 of operative paragraph 7 of resolution 1542 (2004),

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of MINUSTAH, as contained in its resolutions 1542 (2004), and 1608 (2005), until 15 February 2007, with the intention to renew for further periods;

2. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's report S/2006/592 of 28 July 2006, and *supports* the priorities set out therein;

3. *Decides* that MINUSTAH will consist of a military component of up to 7,200 troops of all ranks and of a police component of up to 1,951 officers;

4. *Authorizes* MINUSTAH to deploy 16 correction officers seconded from Member States in support of the Government of Haiti to address the shortcomings of the prison system;

5. *Urges* Member States to provide enough well-qualified, particularly francophone, police candidates, to ensure full staffing of MINUSTAH police and, in particular, to provide specific expertise in anti-gang operations, corrections, and other specializations identified as necessary in the report of the Secretary-General;

6. *Urges* the Haitian authorities to complete the run-off legislative, local and municipal elections as soon as feasible, and *calls* on MINUSTAH to provide all appropriate assistance in this regard, consistent with its mandate, and with the support of regional and sub-regional organizations;

7. *Reaffirms* its call upon MINUSTAH to support the constitutional and political process in Haiti, including through good offices, and to promote national dialogue and reconciliation;

8. *Welcomes* the important contribution provided by MINUSTAH in capacity and institution building at all levels, and *calls upon* MINUSTAH to expand its assistance to support the Government of Haiti in strengthening state institutions, especially outside of Port-au-Prince;

9. *Underlines* the importance of MINUSTAH's continuing support for the institutional strengthening of the HNP and, in this regard, requests the Haitian authorities, especially the HNP, and MINUSTAH to achieve optimal coordination in order to counter crime and violence, particularly in urban areas, taking into account the needs expressed by the Secretary-General for specialized capacities to enhance MINUSTAH's ability in this field;

10. *Strongly supports* in this regard the Secretary-General's intention to maximize MINUSTAH's crime prevention role, particularly with regard to the threat of gang violence and kidnapping,

11. *Requests* MINUSTAH to reorient its disarmament, demobilization and reintegration efforts, to further that goal, towards a comprehensive community violence reduction programme adapted to local conditions, including assistance for initiatives to strengthen local governance and the rule of law and to provide employment opportunities to former gang members, and at-risk youth, in close coordination with the Government of Haiti and other relevant actors, including the donor community;

12. *Urges* donors engaged in supporting the implementation of the HNP reform by the Haitian authorities to coordinate their activities closely with MINUSTAH;

13. *Reaffirms* MINUSTAH's mandate to provide operational support to the Haitian Coast guard, and *invites* Member States, in coordination with MINUSTAH, to engage with the Government of Haiti in order to address cross-border drugs and arms trafficking control;

14. *Decides* that MINUSTAH, consistent with its existing mandate under resolution 1542 (2004) to assist with the restructuring and maintenance of the rule of law, public safety and public order, will provide assistance and advice to the Haitian authorities, in consultation with relevant actors, in monitoring, restructuring, reforming and strengthening of the justice sector, including through technical assistance to review all relevant legislation, the provision of experts to serve as professional resources, the rapid identification and implementation of mechanisms to address prison overcrowding and prolonged pre-trial detention and the coordination and planning of these activities, and *invites* the Government of Haiti to take full advantage of that assistance;

15. *Reaffirms* MINUSTAH's human rights' mandate, and *calls on* Haitian authorities to undertake a comprehensive reform in all areas of rule of law and to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms;

16. *Recognizes* the progress achieved thus far in the disbursement of pledged assistance, *welcomes* the pledges of donors, and *notes* the need for these funds to be rapidly disbursed, given that further sustained and generous international assistance will be essential for the Haitian people and their government to succeed in pursuing its programme for social and economic development;

17. *Requests* MINUSTAH to continue to implement quick impact projects;

18. *Calls on* MINUSTAH to enhance its coordination with the UN Country Team and with the various development actors in Haiti in order to ensure greater efficiency in development efforts and to address urgent development problems;

19. *Reaffirms* the need to maintain a proactive communications and public outreach strategy to improve public understanding of the mandate and role of MINUSTAH in Haiti and to deliver messages to the Haitian people directly;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the implementation of MINUSTAH's mandate not later than 31 December 2006;

21. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.